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John McCain, President

Liberal Folha de S. Paulo's columnist Joco Pereira Coutinho commenting on the U.S elections says (10/21): ...John McCain will be the next President of the United States. ..Any newspaper states the obvious: McCain failed in two essential moments: the financial crisis and the TV debates... Obama won the debates because television is image and image is power. Obama is young, has speaking skills and criticizes Bush; McCain is old, physically limited and unfortunately linked to Bush. ...Polls should not be trusted and should be read with skepticism...There is a hidden racism that says something to the polls and another at the ballot... If McCain, until November 4, shows that he is the most prepared and experienced leader to develop the U.S. economy without an abusive attack to the taxpayer's pocket; and if he is able to regain the moderate center without alienating the legions of the Republican right, the whole world that has already elected Obama to the White House will be surprised and shocked."

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